TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY

Melvin Malone, Chairman Lynn Greer, Director Sara Kyle, Director 460 James Robertson Parkway

1 Nashville, Tennessee 37243-0505

April 19, 2000

Mr. Ware F. Schiefer, President Piedmont Natural Gas Company, Inc. P. O. Box 33068 Charlotte, NC 28233

Re:

Docket No. 99-00994

Dear Mr. Schiefer:

To further the Staff's analysis of the reasonableness of the rates filed December 30, 1999 by Nashville Gas Company, we request that you furnish six copies of the information itemized in the attachment to this letter titled, Staff Request April 19, 2000.

Please comply with the following instructions for compiling the data requested:

- Each copy of the data requested should be placed in a loose-leaf binder with each item tabbed. Each response should begin by restating the item(s) requested.
- 2. Where a number of sheets are required for an item, each sheet should be appropriately indexed, for example, Item 1(a), Sheet 2 of 6.
- 3. Careful attention should be given to copied material to insure that it is legible.

If there is a need for clarification of this request, please contact Michael Horne at (615) 741-2904, extension 174 before furnishing the response. Please furnish the requested information by April 26, 2000.

Sincerely,

Executive Secretary

99-00994/SR-9

Attachment

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NASHVILLE GAS COMPANY

STAFF REQUEST

April 19, 2000

115. For the following categories of Company expenses, provide the account numbers and amounts for each account that make up the total test period (non-payroll) expense for that category as shown on the referenced Company schedule.

Distribution-LNG Maintenance	\$55,947	DIST-1
Distribution-Maintenance	\$2,017,855	DIST-1
Distribution-Customer Accounts	\$1,207,685	DIST-1
Sales Expense	\$271,528	CUST-1
Advertising Expense	\$902,668	CUST-1
A & G Office Supply & Expense	\$1,343,598	AG-1
Miscellaneous General	\$1,524,519	AG-1
Training	\$24,593	AG-1
Long Term Incentive Plan	\$1,448,373	AG-1
Transferred-Cr.	-\$1,824,256	AG-1

116. For Employee Benefits on Company schedule AG-1, please reconcile the totals for the test year (non-payroll) amounts. Staff used the accounts and amounts shown on the monthly financial reports provided to Staff.

Account Name	<u>Staff</u>	Company (BEN-1)
ESOP and Paysop	\$10,501	\$10,501
Pensions	\$661,158	650,858
Insurance Premiums	\$2,353,767	\$2,353,767
Employee Benefits-SIP	\$573,998	\$573,998
Education	\$14,444	\$0
Service Pins-Watches	\$74,280	\$86,525
Total	\$2,600,140	\$2.67F.640
Total	<u>\$3,000,140</u>	<u>\$3,675,649</u>
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117. On Company schedule IS-1, the Company reports per books test period amount of \$13,642,959 for Salaries and Wages. Per the monthly financial reports sent to Staff and the Company's response to Staff's Data Request #85, the total test period Salaries and Wages are as follows. Please reconcile the two amounts.

Tennessee Direct Payroll	\$10,504,523	Monthly financials
TN Corp. Alloc. Payroll	\$3,309,638	Co. response to SR #85
Accrued Payroll Accounts	<u>\$49,636</u>	Monthly financials
Total	\$13,863,797	